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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Group Art Unit: **1645**

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Examiner: **Duffy, P.**

For: **USE OF CYL A HEMOLYSIN FOR EXCRETION OF PROTEINS**

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In the Office Action, dated December 29, 2003, for which response is due on or before January 29, 2004, the Examiner issues a restriction requirement to one of the inventions of following three groups:

Group I - Claims 1-7, drawn to a method of expressing a gene in a bacterial cell,

Group II - Claims 8-14, drawn to a method of eliciting an immune response from a host,

and

Group III - Claims 15-20, drawn to a system/composition comprising an expression vector, host cell and culture medium.

In response, Applicant hereby elects **Group I**, pertaining to claims 1-7. This election is made **without** traverse, and thereby Applicant cancels non-elected Claims 8-20.